

said pour spout central body portion further comprises a lamination of a paperboard material and a plastic material.

31. (New) The process of claim 30 wherein said plastic material comprises a polyester material.

32. (New) The process of claim 30 and further comprising a coating layer on said plastic material.

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33. (New) The process of claim 32 wherein said coating layer comprises polyethylene.

34. (New) The process of claim 32 wherein said securing at least portions of said inner layer to at least portions of said central body portion comprises bonding said at least portions of said inner layer to said coating layer.

35. (New) The process of claim 32 and further comprising forming at least one cut line in said coating layer.

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were originally filed with the application. New claims 20-35 have been added herein; claims 1-19 have been canceled. Accordingly, after entry of this amendment, claims 20-35 will be pending in the application.

Applicant hereby provides notice, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.607(c) (to the extent such notice may be required), that claim 20 presented in this Preliminary Amendment is identical to claim 11 in United States Patent No. 6,145,736, which is of record in the prosecution history of the parent application (i.e., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/220,065). Claim 20 presented herein is identical to claim 28 currently pending in the parent application. Claim 29 presented herein is identical to claim 22 pending in the parent application.

New claims 21-24 and 30-33 are fully supported with reference, for example, to applicant's written specification at page 15, lines 25-31. New claims 25 and 34 are fully supported with reference, for example, to applicant's written specification at page 16, lines 15-17. New claims 26 and 35 are fully supported with reference, for example, to applicant's drawing Fig. 15. New claims 27 and 28 are fully supported with reference, for example, to applicant's written specification at page 15, lines 17-22. No new matter has been added.

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